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BRITISH FORCES ARE WITHDRAWN FROM GALLIPOLI PENINSULA LINES

Small Loss Sustained While Movement of Retreat From Suvla and Anzac Districts Is Carried Out.

ALLIED MONITORS SHELL POSITIONS AT WESTENDE

Position of Greece Still Regarded With Keen Anxiety on Both Sides; Gounaris Party Reported Successful.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire)
London, Dec. 29.—(11:45 a.m.)—Withdrawal of the British troops from the Anzac and Suvla bay regions of the Gallipoli peninsula is announced in a brief official communication given out here today.

Beyond the statement that the movement was effected successfully with small losses, few details are given and no admission is made to the attack of the 2nd Seddun-Bahri at the 11th of November.

One implication of the long expected advance by the Germans in Flanders, where the massing of Tenth Army is said to have been in progress for several weeks, is contained in official British and French reports which state that under a cloud of uncertainty attacked British trench positions there without success. According to these reports the Germans failed so completely that few of them emerged from their own trenches and those who did so were mowed down by artillery fire.

Along the remainder of the western front the intermediate attacks due continue with the French gains near St. Mihiel developing an intensive. The Russian and Macedonian fronts, so far as the public is advised, are in a state of comparative quiet.

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"Thus far, they are safely out of there without serious loss, is an expression frequently heard today in connection with the transfer of the troops from the Suvla and Anzac zones to another sphere of operation," although this is invariably couched with retorts that it should have been carried out earlier in order to shorten the hard won footholds on the peninsula, attained at such a heavy cost in casualties.

The toe of the Gallipoli peninsula, with Seddun Bahri commanding the entrance to the Dardanelles, is apparently still to be held, as no mention is made of the transfer of troops from this region.

The war statement leaves the public to draw its own conclusions as to the destination of these Australian and United Kingdom forces which must be well over 100,000 strong. It is widely conjectured, however, that any southward sweep of the Entente or Bulgarian armies in the Balkans, whether from the north west or east, will sooner or later come to an end with the transfer, and that this transfer is connected with a determination on the part of the entente powers not to remain on the defensive in the near eastern theater of war longer than is requisite to secure the shores of a forward march.

The Suvla bay and Anzac cove positions are on the north coast of Gallipoli peninsula. Anzac cove, or the Suvla bay, is the further west.

It is not clear whether the withdrawal of troops indicate a decision to abandon the effort to force the Dardanelles or merely a readjustment of the allied forces.

The question had been raised in England whether, in view of the failure of the allies to make agreed upon the Dardanelles, the British and French forces should be withdrawn. Two official Turkish communications received today spoke of heavy firing from land and sea on the allies, but mentioned no movements out of the ordinary, although this bombardment may have been conducted to cover the withdrawal.

In giving the news of the withdrawal of the Suvla and Anzac forces as announced by the war office, Premier Asquith added that the transfer was made in pursuance of a decision reached by the cabinet some time ago.

"The operation was successfully carried out," said the premier, "reflects the utmost credit on the general on

Villa Has Same Right to Enter America as Has Other Refugee

State Department Holds That Asylum Should Be Extended to Bandit Chieftain as Political Fugitive.

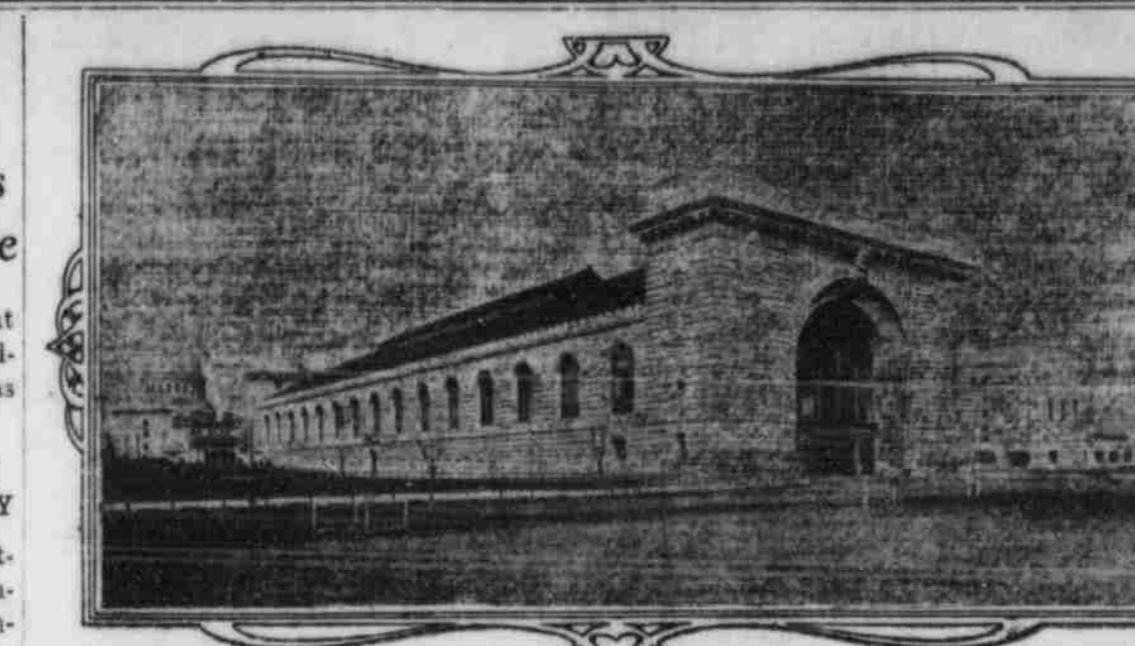
FINAL PLAN FOR ENTRY TO BE COMPLETED TODAY

Permission to Come Into United States Under Terms Named Guarantees No Indemnity From Prosecutions.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire)
Washington, Dec. 29.—State department officials have decided that General Villa will receive the same treatment as a political fugitive should he enter the United States. This decision was sent last night to General Funston by the war department for transmission to Villa or his representatives.

State department agents had requested that the Mexican authorities hold up Villa's immunity from arrest, saying that if this was done, they believed Villa would abandon the fight against Carranza and return to private life in the United States.

The state department does not consider its desire to have Villa eliminated as without being responsible for the death of many Americans. Its attitude is that the man who is taking an active part in the discussion of preparedness in the Senate, is the only member of Congress who is a graduate of Annapolis, and for this reason his speeches concerning the needs of the Navy are listened to with especial interest.



ANNAPOLEIS NAVAL ACADEMY.

Now that Uncle Sam is to have an adequate Navy, the academy at Annapolis will be kept busy preparing young officers for the new ships that Congress is expected to authorize this session. Senator John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, who is taking an active part in the discussion of preparedness in the Senate, is the only member of Congress who is a graduate of Annapolis, and for this reason his speeches concerning the needs of the Navy are listened to with especial interest.

Attorney Fails To Withdraw the Federal's Suit

Counsel for Outlaw League Not in Chicago and No Action Is Taken in Litigation Before Judge Landis.

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Chicago, Dec. 29.—John Koening, counsel for General Francisco Villa, has refused to withdraw the suit he filed in the U.S. district court in Chicago against the American Outlaw League, which is engaged in a campaign to prohibit the use of dynamite in labor disputes.

Charles H. Weeckman, president of the Chicago Federation, and others who are engaged in the campaign, filed a motion yesterday to dismiss the suit, but Mr. Landis, the trial judge, denied the motion.

Only the three members of the Supreme Court, and the attorney general, were present.

Document Virtual Reiteration of the Original Demands Is Forwarded Yesterday; To Be Published Wednesday.

DATA GIVEN ABOUT 12 AMERICANS ON VESSEL

Ambassador Page Forwards Information Relative to Sinking of Ship in Mediterranean by Submarine.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire)
Washington, Dec. 29.—(11:45 a.m.)—Information relative to the sinking of the American liner, *Leviathan*, was forwarded yesterday to Attorney Miller, the American legation attorney, who should reach Vienna tomorrow night.

While Mr. Lansing gave no intimation of its contents, the note is understood to be a virtual reiteration of the original demands with the implication that it is the United States' last word on the subject.

The note will be issued for signature in Washington Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Lansing said:

"Assurances that the final details to bring about peace would be arranged at the meeting were reflected in President Johnson and others' statements to be made here at noon, according to information from authentic sources. Preparations to this end were begun upon receipt of Secretary Lansing's decision that Villa would be afforded asylum as a political refugee."

EXPECTED FINAL PLANS WILL BE MADE TODAY

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29.—Final arrangements for General Francisco Villa to enter the United States and to be received here were to be made here at noon, according to information from authentic sources. According to this end were begun upon receipt of Secretary Lansing's decision that Villa would be afforded asylum as a political refugee.

DAILY DECLINES TO ADVERTISE BULL FIGHTS

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